BOE Meeting, February 11, 2026 **Superintendent's Remarks**

It has been a pleasure to applaud our seniors as they were honored over the past month across multiple athletic events. Boys & Girls Ice Hockey, Wrestling, Basketball, Indoor Track, and Bowling have all been recognized, and we now enter the exciting time of sectional and state tournament season. Please come out and support our student athletes and they usher out the frigid cold with some fantastic finishes to their accomplished careers.

Tickets are now on sale for our upcoming HS Musical, The Prom. The curtain goes up on Thursday, March 5th, with shows throughout the following weekend. Everyone is invited to attend an event that is always one of the highlights of the school year.

As I mentioned last month, the Rye Neck School District always strives to improve the experience for our students and families. To that end, I sent out a District Community Survey to all our families via ParentSquare. The survey was designed to collect both known and anonymous feedback from the students, staff and community regarding their experience with the Rye Neck Schools. This survey will remain open until Friday, February 27th. I have been pleased with both the response rate and candor from our community, and value all feedback regarding Instruction & Program, School Culture, Operations and Communications. If you have not responded, please consider doing so before the end of February.

A notice to all our Rye Neck parents: we have received reports from multiple local businesses in recent weeks that they have received calls from representatives of a company called Elite Sports claiming to have a sponsor partnership with our Athletic Department and soliciting money. In their fraudulent pitches, they have referred to false partnerships with some of our coaches and athletic department staff members. Please do not engage in any agreements with this company if contacted and certainly do not give them any personal or payment information. They are NOT affiliated with our district in any way. If you have any specific questions about any affiliation with Rye Neck, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Joe Ceglia, for clarification.

Many thanks to our Director of Technology, Ms. Mary Lanza, and our volunteers on this year's Technology Committee. Our first meeting was this past Monday, where we reviewed our district's NYSED Instructional Technology Plan, and started gathering information on the appropriate use and applications of Artificial Intelligence.

Finally, just a reminder that our next Bond Referendum Livestream will occur on

Wednesday, February 25th at 7:00 pm. I will be joined by our Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance Ms. Carolyn Mahar as well as our Athletic Director Mr. Joe Ceglia. We will outline the financial components of the Bond and address the opportunities for our curricular and extracurricular programs. The first livestream from January 21st is available on our website under the Bond Referendum tab and any questions should be emailed directly to Bond@ryeneck.org so as to be answered promptly.